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# Lionfish threat has reached Aruba; cooperation of all divers is needed



Sightings of lionfish around the Caribbean

Most diving enthusiasts have been made aware over the past five years of a beautiful to behold but serious threat to delicate reef systems throughout the Caribbean: the invasion of Peterois Volitan, the common Indo-Pacific Lionfish. Scientists speculate as to why this voracious predator was first spotted off the Florida as far back as 1985; most believe it is due to fish collectors letting them out to sea once they become too large for their tanks or possibly have devoured all their other fish. It is also believed Hurricane Andrew contributed by destroying homes with fish tanks housing the lionfish and thus releasing them into ecosystem.

Whatever the cause, this species of lionfish native to the Indo Pacific, where there is a natural control of the population, is thriving and dominating Atlantic and Caribbean waters and reef environments. Last year, they were spotted in Aruba, which is a cause of great concern for local marine biologists.

On Friday, August 13, The

Hadicuari Fishing Center conducted a lecture by Adeljean L.F.C. Ho of Aruba, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Roger Williams University in 2008 and obtain his Masters Summa Cum Laude from the Florida Institute of Technology. Presently he is working for his doctorate in Marine Biology from FIT. Adeljean explained the life cycle of the Peterois Volitan and why it is such a treat to the local marine environment.

The Common Lionfish is a voracious creature, and figures have shown that a single lionfish is capable of reducing the existing fish population of a reef where they have establish territory by 2/3 to 80%, within a year. Lionfish are also very cunning hunters, often pursuing their prey in pairs or packs, herding fleeing fish towards each other so they cannot escape.

A pair of lionfish reproduces at a prodigious rate; those having taken up residence in the Atlantic will spawn clusters of eggs for 3 months out of the year, when



Adeljean lectures

waters are warm. Since the water temperature in the Caribbean is always high, those that have spread to local waters will reproduce all year round, with the capability of releasing 2 million fertilized eggs into the sea, annually. Within 24 hours the larvae hatch, and within 20 to 35 days the young lionfish have matured sufficiently to return to the reef where they were spawned, or be carried by currents to invade new environments.

Dr. Byron Boekhoudt of the Centro di Pisca Hadicurari reports 20 sightings around Aruba's dive sites; it is believed there have been many more, but often divers are not concerned or taking the time to report where the lionfish was seen "because they thought it was just too beautiful to be a threat."

It is well known lionfish are venomous; the venom injected from their fins can be quite painful and particularly harmful to those who are allergic.

However, the lionfish is NOT poisonous to ingest, and Adeljean reported they are quite good eating

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To qualify for the above mentioned exoneration a traveler must comply with the following condition:

- The passenger must be 16 years or older
- The merchandise must be for personal use

The Customs Department reminds everyone that there is no exoneration on merchandise destined for commercial use with an invoice value of Afls. 400 or more. For example, if a person buys

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With an invoice value of Afls 475, he must pay import tax on the invoice value of Afls 475 plus freight and insurance. The import tax exoneration on Afls 400 will not be discounted from the Afls 475 value.

Travelers must also keep in mind when paying income tax that the Customs Depart-

ment will estimate this on the CIF value (cost, insurance and freight) and not on the invoice value and for alcohol the tax will be estimated on the amount of hectoliters.

For more information readers may submit their question to the Customs Department via e-mail douane@siad.aw or visit the website www.siad.aw

# Person must declare large sums of money when entering the island

ORANJESTAD -- The Customs Department Public Relations associate Patricia Flanders announces that there will be changes in the law for obligatory declaration of money transport when entering or leaving the island

of Aruba. The obligatory declaration will be amplified.

Up to June 30 2010, all persons entering or leaving Aruba, or on transit, with more than Afls 20,000 in cash must declare the money at the Customs Services.

As of July 1, 2010 not only must persons declare this amount but also other monetary means valued Afls. 20,000 or more. These are negotiable valuable papers which represent cash money, i.e. checks, prepaid gift cards and shares in the person's name. ATM or credit cards are not obligatory to declare because the owner is the only authorized person to use it.

Persons carrying cash of other monetary means must declare this at the Customs Service officer present at the airport, harbor or post office.

#### Six Cuban dissidents 'ready' for release

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) – A new batch of six Cuban political prisoners is ready to be released and sent to Spain having undergone medical tests and filled out the necessary paperwork, friends and family said yesterday.

Relatives of the dissidents planning to travel to Spain with them said the prisoners had received medical examinations and their travel clothes on Saturday.

"We are ready at any moment to travel, with God's help," Catalina Cano, the aunt of the of the dissidents who plans to travel with him, told AFP

#### 'Imelda Kleuterschool' and' Emmaschool' will not be open today for classes

ORANJESTAD -- The new school year opens for many schools today and Minister of Justice and Education Arthur Dowers wish all students and teachers lots of success.

But not all schools will be open today for classes. The commission in charge for the renovations of the different schools announced that most of the work is done but the Imelda Kleutershool and Emmaschool are not ready yet.

The air conditioning installation at Imelda Kleuterschool is not finished and because of the hot weather these days, the commission opted to open the school on Thursday.

The commission also said that Emmaschool has been painted and the fumes of the paint are still heavy in the classrooms posing a health hazard for the students. The school will open Wednesday for classes.

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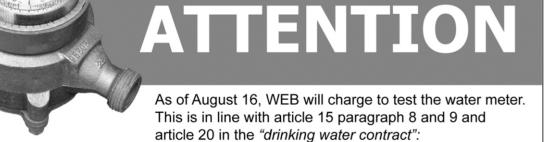
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# W.E.B. Aruba NV inaugurates program of energy conservation for the consumer with classes for staff of the Radisson Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino



Learning how to save energy

Management of Aruba's water and energy providers, W.E.B Aruba N.V., continued their program "Scoge Pa Spaar" (Select to Save) which brings the issue of reducing the island's dependence on fossil fuels to the consumer, with phase II, Education, by offering free seminars beginning last Friday, August 13, at the Radisson Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino.

A pilot project which provided energy saving devices donated by various companies to 50 low- income families is now beginning to produce data. However W.E.B. officials feel a program to educate the con-

sumer of what they can do on an individual level to lower their energy and water usage, will, along with lowering their bills, generally reduce need for fuel to produce excessive amounts of energy at the plant, would then should provide additional savings.

Holland has taken extreme measures, even so far as passing laws for the construction of homes and the use of energy-saving devices to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, while energetically pursuing other forms of producing energy. Aruba hopes to do the same without such strictures, but consumers must assume their responsibility in achie-



First group of students get certificates



Second group of students get certificates

ving this goal. The free courses conducted at the Radisson on Friday by Felipe Ras and Rene Leonora from W.E.B. and Soraya Croes and Franklin Leest of the FCCA, were the first of many that should be completed for the Radisson staff by December. The plan is to bring these classes to the other resorts, with pointers of how the practices of the hotel workers can not only reduce their en-

ergy consumption at home, but the huge amounts used by the major resorts.

Each of the students received a certificate upon course completion plus a gift of energy saving L.E.D bulbs and devices to use in their toilet tanks to reduce water consumption. W.E.B. management reminds islanders that Aruban homes consume nearly twice the energy on a monthly basis than other

neighboring islands; this is a pointed indicator of wasteful habits.

Mr. Ras, during the "graduation," emphasized the importance to Aruba's sustainable economy and environment that participants take the lessons to heart, and hopes to continue the program throughout the tourism industry.

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#### Shabururi-Aruba's first Laundromat



Shabururi rock formations where the women would gather to do their wash

When my grandmother was a teenager growing up on Aruba, life was certainly very different than today. She told me stories of Shabururi, where there are some fantastic rock formations hidden away in the mondi, and how everyone came from miles around to gather and wash their clothes every week.

It was a big part of the social life-for the women especially. The water would collect in a big bowl formed by the rock formations, and here the women would scrub their clothes on the stones and then lay them out on the cactus to dry. They would bathe and catch up on local gossip; it was a fun time for all the family.

Some came from far with piles of clothes (they had really big families then, and their labor would make their clothes very dirty), using donkey drawn carts. This is when my Grandmama, who has been gone now for 15 years and died at the age of 90, was only a teenager, and no one ever heard of a washing machine.

I like to wear a full skirt when I go out into the mondi as my grandmother and her friends did. It makes me feel like them, climbing over the rocks in my bare feet. I think it must have been difficult and hot in the outfits they wore; the muslin was very stiff compared to what we wear today.

Still, they would come, huge numbers of people, into this area which today is all overgrown and fenced off. It was the social center of their



Madi among the Shabururi rock formtions

week, making the work enjoyable, and then when the clothes were dry, they would fold them carefully carry them back home, many of the women without carts carrying the baskets of clean clothes on their heads. Still today, I think of my Grandmama and try to imagine her that way.

Editor's note: Kairo" is Papiamento for "let's go tripping in the cunucu!" Madi conducts her tours seven days a week in a single range rover type all terrain vehicle. She takes a max of nine passengers, and offers trips to the Natural Pool and other areas of Aruba that can only be reached with a sturdy 4x4 and, most importantly, a knowledgeable guide who know their way. She congenially shares her anecdotes and vast inventory of island factoids. Her tours are extremely reasonable and cus-



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but also tourist to enjoy the comfort of their Amphibian Wheelchair.

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The height of the seat is half that of a standard wheel-chair, making it easier to move from the wheelchair to the amphibious chair, from the amphibious chair to the sand, and from the amphibious chair to the water

Hotel management sees in Adapted wheels another service to offer to visitors, making their stay on the island more comfortable. Now visitors with limited mobility can also enjoy the sea and its benefits.

Adapted Happy Wheels offers the opportunity to increase your mobility, enjoy life without limitations and upgrade your quality of life.

Photo shows a happy visitors from Miami, Florida, enjoying himself on the beach with the Amphibian wheelchair of the Adapted Happy Wheels.

# Lionfish threat has reached Aruba

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The Bahamas, which has greatly suffered from the lionfish invasion, retaliated by establishing fishing competitions directed at the species and several restaurants carry it on their menu. Officials here are

considering such actions; Friday's lecture was aimed at local fisherman, to encourage them to pursue lionfish, with instructions on how to catch them safely. Capturing lionfish is actually quite easy as they appear to have absolutely no fear of man, which would appear as a large predator, as is normally witnessed with most species.

Adeljean admitted that scientist believe that eradication of the lionfish is unlikely; the object now is control and preservation of the local reef and fish species. Lionfish have been found as far north as Rhode Island and are firmly established around the waters of Colombia. The Centro di Pisca Hadicurari



has distributed forms to all dive operators, asking any who have sighted lionfish during their dives to fill in and submit the information. Location, time and depth are all very important facts which must be noted when reporting a sighting; the center asks that divers and snorkelers to do their part in helping Aruba to control this menace to the local marine environment. The center's offices are located on the second level between MooMba Beach Bar and the Marriott Surf Club; inquiries and assistance are welcome. Call tel. 586-6610 and ask for Francisco Franken.

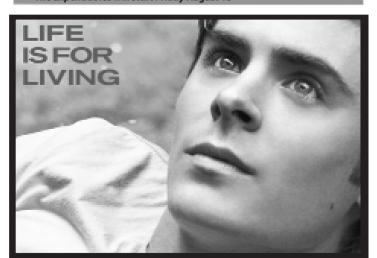
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\*The Expendables will start Friday August 13



CHARLIE ST. CLOUD (2010) (DRAMA/ROMANCE) - Accomplished sailor Charlie St. Cloud has the adoration of his mother Claire and his little brother Sam, as well as a college scholarship that will lead him far from his sleepy Pacific Northwest hometown. But his bright future is cut short when a tragedy strikes and takes his dreams with it. After his high-school classmate Tess returns home unexpectedly, Charlie grows torn between honoring a promise he made four years earlier and moving forward with newfound love. And as he finds the courage to let go of the past for good, Charlie discovers the soul most worth saving is his own.

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# Science/Tech Facebook Launches 'Facebook Live' Video Channel

Facebook on Friday launched its own video streaming channel, intended to keep users updated on what's happening at the social-networking site.

Facebook Live is about "capturing activity already happening at Facebook and showing it to the people who use the service," a Facebook spokeswoman said in an email.

The service, powered by Livestream, will feature videos from Facebook staff and is not intended as a platform for Facebook users to showcase their own videos – or a means for Facebook to get into the video distribution space

"Facebook Live is a natural extension of our blog and is a way to communicate with our users more directly," the spokeswoman said. "The company has no plans to get into content production."

All the content shown on Facebook Live will have some tie-in with Facebook products, features, or how people are using the site. If a celebrity stops by Facebook, the company introduces a new product, or hosts a special event, staffers will be Facebook Live with more details, the company said.

The service will kick off Friday with an appearance by "Ugly Betty" star America Ferrera. She will stop by Facebook to discuss her new movie "The Dry Land," which is being promoted via social media channels like Facebook rather than traditional media. Her interview will air live starting at 6pm Eastern time.

Facebook Live will include an "Ask a Question" feature, which will let viewers submit questions to a moderator. A Live Feed feature lets users update their status with Facebook Live information. The offering is also an app that can be added as a Facebook tab to any Page, where videos will stream live. Videos can also be archived and distributed as future reference materials.

### Robot to Expose Hidden Secrets of the Pyramids

Following in the footsteps of Howard Carter and Abbot and Costello, a specialized robot will penetrate deeper into the Great Pyramid of Giza than ever before. The robot, part of a years-long exploration called the Djedi Project, will explore a shaft inaccessible to a previous robot, unlocking a room that has remain sealed for 4,500 years.

The robot explorer, built by researchers at the Leeds University, England, in collaboration with French aviation company Dessault and British robotics company Scoutek, will incorporate a small fiber optic camera for looking around corners, an ultrasonic probe for testing the quality of the rock and a releasable mini-robot that can fit through spaces as small as 0.7 inches in diameter.

Additionally, the robot

uses special nylon and carbon fiber wheels that won't deface the pyramid's sensitive rock.

"All the robots were designed from scratch to do as little damage to the shafts as possible," Shaun Whitehead, Systems engineer and mission manager, told Tech-NewsDaily. "The previous robots both used tracks that scrubbed away at the floor and ceiling as they moved. We use soft brace pads to grip the walls, like an inchworm or the technique that rock climbers use for ascending 'chimneys.' The wheels don't need to grip, they need to slip as much as possible."

Whitehead designed the robot so that the team could easily swap out different components, depending on what they find down the shaft. To create the different components, Whitehead and his team used 3-D software

provided by Dessault, and then "printed" out the parts on a 3-D fabricator at Leeds University.

The robot will travel down a shaft located in the tomb of the Queen. Unlike the King's tomb, where shafts lead to the outside of the Great Pyramid so his soul could escape into the afterlife, the shafts leading from the Queen's tomb borrow deeper into the pyramid

This is the third time a robot has tried to find the end of the Queen's tomb shaft. The first expedition found that a giant stone door blocked the tunnel, and the second robot discovered another door behind that one. With its microbot and drill, the Leeds University researchers designed this new robot specifically to breach those obstacles.

#### **HEALTH - LIVING**

#### US agency approves 'fiveday-after' contraceptive pill



WASHINGTON (AFP) – A US regulatory agency on Friday approved an emergency contraceptive pill that can prevent pregnancy if taken up to five days after unprotected sex.

The Food and Drug Administration said it granted approval for the drug, called ella, after two phase III clinical trials that "provided compelling data on efficacy and sufficient information on safety."

The drug, manufactured by French firm HRA Pharma, successfully "prevents pregnancy when taken orally within 120 hours (five days) after a contraceptive failure or unprotected intercourse," the FDA said in a statement.

"It is not intended for routine use as a contraceptive," the agency added.

The drug works by inhibiting or delaying ovulation, and has side effects similar to other emergency contraceptives already on the market, such as Plan B, which prevents pregnancy if taken within 72 hours after intercourse.

The drug's approval followed a positive recommendation by an FDA advisory committee on June 17.

The drug has been available in Europe since May 2009, under the name ellaOne, and will be distributed into the United States by New Jersey-based Watson Pharma Inc.

## Australia corals to light up cancer cure fight

SYDNEY (AFP) – Australian scientists have discovered a cluster of brilliant shallow-water corals that could help in the search for anti-cancer drugs and to understand global warming, a researcher said Saturday.

The vividly fluorescent cluster was found in waters off Lord Howe Island, 600 kilometres (400 miles) east of the Australian mainland, with some displaying rich reds that were difficult to find and in high demand for studies of cancer cells, researcher Anya Salih said.

"The underwater buttresses and caverns are densely inhabited by hundreds of corals, all deeply pigmented by the most intense green, blue and many with red fluorescence," she said.

Salih said she had never seen such an abundance of highly red fluorescent corals, nor such an extraordinarily vibrant site. "We are using these pigments to light up the workings of living cells and to study what goes wrong in cancer cells," said Salih, from the University of Western Sydney.

The gene producing the particular pigment -- red, green, blue or yellow -- would be attached to a molecule in both healthy and cancerous cells, and would enable scientists to track cell growth and change using a special fluorescent-sensitive laser microscope.

Salih is working with scientists from the University of California to explore how cancer cells differ from normal cells and how effective anti-cancer drugs are. She said red pigments were especially valuable because they allowed researchers to see deeper into tissues.

"These fluorescent molecules are transforming cell science and biomedical research," said Salih.

# Skincare tips for sunlovers Aruba Aloe, the world's most powerful moisturizer



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Dr. Koos Veel, the medical doctor on staff in charge of research and development for

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Aruba Aloe's products, talks about sun burns and the skin. "Start suntanning carefully by avoiding more than one hour on your first day and always use protection. Reapply sun screen after swimming and exercising or use a water resistant sunscreen. If you use a sun screen when you are in the sun, it will give you a much better and long lasting tan."

"Aloe Vera prevents skin dehydrating and promotes faster healing"

A useful natural sunburn treatment is Aloe Vera. The

two-third of Aruba's surface was covered with Aloe Vera plants. We called our island the 'Island of Aloe', being the world's largest exporter of Aloe.

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"The fierce Caribbean sun produces the earth's most potent Aloe gel"

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anced skin care line known around the world which is designed to help protect you from the damaging effects of the sun while healing and repairing sun-stressed skin with 100% pure Aruba Aloe - the world's finest aloe. Dr. Koos Veel: "The Aruba Aloe sunscreens not only properly protect you from the sun but also moisturize the skin thanks to the Aloe Vera Gel. It is highly recommended to always use an after sun lotion or gel after sunbathing or sun burning to give the skin the moist back it just lost. Reapply as often as needed to relieve pain, speed the healing.

Aruba Aloe is making great strides in global research studies with Aloe and is leading the way with a line of moisturizing products that can be found in homes all over the world.

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#### Thanks to Face Book.... Another perfect wedding in Aruba!



God! Are you serious?" he points out the time on the clock. . .12:36 AM (the moment of Megan' birth). After some additional romantic conversation (the specific details of which will kept between them), he also mentioned that he wanted to ask her that evening because it was the night before his beloved grandmother's funeral. Chad was very close with his grandma, and she always wanted to know when he would get married. Proposing to Janet was something he wanted to do before her funeral the following morning, as "one last gift" to her. April 2nd was also the fourth "month-aversary" of the day they first reconnected. When he looked at all three of

Chad and Janet attended the same high school, and although they had a minor age difference of 3 years -- he was a senior when she was a freshman in high school -they were acquainted through mutual friends. They had only spoken to each other briefly on occasion while attending the same high school, and hadn't seen or spoken to one another since his graduation (1992). In the meantime, both went on with their lives.

That all changed when they reconnected in December 2009 through Facebook. Although they hadn't been very close friends in school, their connection was instantaneous. They spent hours on the computer, text messaging, or phoning one another before they ever met again in person. Honestly, they both believe that they knew they'd spend the rest of their lives together before they actually met up for their first "date.'



They've been inseparable since that first Facebook conversation (and they relish in the fact that their reconnection is not "typical;" often joking that they should be a Facebook commercial).

Janet's girls (two from a previous marriage) absolutely LOVÉ Chad; so much so that they'd been asking for awhile when he was going to marry her. On Thursday night (April 1st), she was sharing the story of Megan's birth with Chad (Meg was

born at 12:36 a.m. on April

2nd) while watching the wedding episode of "The Office." After turning in for the night, Janet was out like a light almost instantly, but Chad stayed awake. He woke her up not long after she dozed off (she loves it when he wakes her up to chat with her in the middle of the night -- it's become her absolute favorite time of the day) by telling her that he had an idea of something to get Megan for her birthday. As she rolled over asking "What?" he replied with "If you'd marry me" as he held out the ring. As she's screaming "Oh My



those things happening on the same day, he decided it was the "Perfect Storm" of marriage proposals, and Janet totally agrees. . .

Aruba was an easy choice for their wedding location. They have many friends that have either been to the island for vacation or continually return to the island. Their stories of the beauty and friendly atmosphere was exactly what they were looking for, and exactly what they found on Monday, August 9, 2010 (8/9/10) on the beautiful Manchebo Beach Resort.

Janet and Chad .. May your honeymoon last forever .. With best wishes from your photographer Eric Boeldak and your wedding planner Lissy Lampe.



#### **Dutch teen arrives in** Portugal ahead of solo sailing bid

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) – Dutch teen Laura Dekker arrived in Portugal Saturday after a 10-day test cruise with her father leading up to her bid to become the youngest person to sail around the world solo, her manager said.

Dekker set off from Den Osse in the southwestern Netherlands on August 4, days after winning a 10-month court battle with child welfare authorities concerned she was too young to undertake the trip.

Accompanied by her father Dick, the petite blonde set sail on her red-hulled 11.5 meter (38 foot) ketch Guppy for Portugal for a trip meant to iron out any technical problems before launching her official solo bid.

Klarenbeek said the girl would leave from Portugal "within the next week", and a

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final date would be announced in the coming days.

Dekker wants to break the record for the youngest world solo sail set in May by Australian teenager Jessica Watson. Watson completed a non-stop, unassisted round-the-world trip a few days before her 17th birthday.

Dekker turns 17 on September 20, 2012, allowing her a little over two years to complete the trip, during which she intends to stop at several ports along the way.

Dekker has said her route from Portugal will take her across the Atlantic Ocean and into the Pacific via the Panama Canal. She plans to stop at the Galapagos islands before heading to Australia, Thailand and through the pirate-infested Gulf of Aden back to Europe.



















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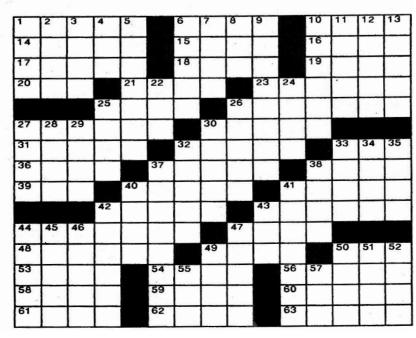
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# How "answering five questions you're AFRAID customers will ask,"can ramp up your business big-time!

by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed attitud.

Hi again, and welcome.

In this tip, I'm going to continue writing about the bank who hired me to get more customers for it.

One of the functions of a bank is to get new customers to start savings and checking accounts.

The more money banks have in savings accounts, the more money they can lend out.

So I had to create a direct mail piece to get prospective customers to switch from their current bank to this bank.

I created a direct mail letter that went out to all the households within a five-mile radius of the bank.

It was simply a letter of introduction, and asked them to come into the bank for, you guessed it, a Free Report that revealed the "Five Questions" you should ask any bank, that they don't want you to ask.

Before I created this report, I interviewed a few of the officers to determine what question bankers are afraid their customers might ask.

So in essence you could do the same thing. This will create your letter and the offer.

Then I created a direct mail piece for all the new people who moved into our geographical area.

Basically the letter went like this:

Dear Mr.& Mrs.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into our neighborhood.

Sometimes it's very strange moving into a new neighborhood, so we would like to extend an invitation for you to visit our Bank.

As a token of our appreciation for your time, we would like to give you a Beach Bag and also a Free Report that reveals the five questions bankers don't want you to ask when you're opening a new account.

One of our Customer Satisfaction Representatives will call you next week.

Very Truly Yours,

Naturally the letter is a little longer, but for this brief tip, you get the general idea.

Now I thought where else can I create more customers and where might they come from.

Answer: New births.

That's right! Most businesses miss the opportunity of new births in their neighborhood.

Any Business. I don't care if you're a Pizza place, Doctor, Dentist, etc., can use this con-

cept to create more new customers.

Anyway, the letter went like this.

Dear Mr. And Mrs.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the birth of your son, Brian.

As you know the years go by very quickly and before you know it Brian, will be of college age.

Realizing this, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that we have started Brian with a savings account for his college education.

We have started this account with \$25.

In order to complete the necessary forms, we will need you to come to our bank and give us the necessary information.

Very truly yours,

Well, what do you think?

And guess what? When the parents arrive, the Customer Satisfaction Representative will find out where they currently bank and encourage them to switch.

These few ideas about direct mail have created an enormous number of new customers, each and every week.

The banks receive a list of all the new move-ins and new births in their geographical area.

Well, that's it for this tip. To your success,

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## India outsourcers angered by US job visa hike

NEW DELHI, India (AFP) - India's flagship outsourcing industry reacted angrily Saturday to a new US law that tightens security at the Mexico border with measures paid for by steep hikes in work visa fees.

The 600-million-dollar measure, signed into law Friday by US President Barack Obama, will sharply increase visa fees for some information technology workers entering the United States.

"The US government has a legitimate right and critically important responsibility to protect its borders but foreign companies should not be asked to bear the cost," said the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASS-COM), which represents India's leading software exporters.

"Any new fees should have been required of any firms using the programs. This would have been fair and equitable and would not have discriminated against any sector," NASSCOM president Som Mittal said in an emailed statement.

The new law nearly doubles fees on visas for skilled workers brought in by companies whose employees are more than 50 percent foreign, a move

that largely affects India's IT and outsourcing industries.

US high-tech firms such as Microsoft, which bring skilled immigrants into the United States on the same visas, would not be hit by the bill as the vast majority of their workforce is American.

NASSCOM has warned that the measures will boost annual US visa costs for the outsourcing industry by 200-250 million dollars annually.

But the 50-billion-dollar industry also sends skilled workers to the United States to develop software and direct projects for US clients.

## Russian grain export ban comes into force

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) - A ban on Russian grain exports ordered by Prime Minister Vladimir Putin came into force yesterday, with the government battling to keep down prices of basic foodstuffs amid a record drought.

According to a government decree signed by Putin on August 5, the ban will extend from August 15 up until December 31, although the powerful premier has indicated it may even extend beyond that date if the harvest is bad.

Russia, the world's number three wheat exporter last year, has already warned that its grain harvest this year will be just 60-65 million tons, compared to 97 million tons in 2009.

The drought amid the worst ever heatwave in Russia's history has ruined one quarter of the country's crops, according to President Dmitry Medvedev.

The export ban is aimed at keeping the Russian domestic market well supplied with grain to prevent sharp rises in prices.

The export ban includes wheat; a mixture of wheat and rye known as meslin; barley; rye; corn and wheat flour, according to the August 5 government decree.

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#### **Gold Coast Aruba: This is** the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history



house complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only



and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning cluba few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service, There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their in-



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A team from THE MORN-ING NEWS went to take a look, and we were very impressed with the prices offered on Mallorca Pearls- "the affordable treasure" which have a luster and luminosity that

make them a perfect gift at the right price.

We were also taken with an entire showcase full of a personal favorite, Australian opal jewelry; the fiery blue stones have a texture and drama that imparts a singular beauty. We noticed Larry had a very large selection of animal themed pieces, adorable and appealing.

Sales girls were particularly enthusiastic about the Lauren G. Adams designs; beautiful cloisonné charms, necklaces, bracelets and rings that are infinitely affordable.

Gentleman, show woman you love she has a lock on your heart with their inlaid and sculpted key pendent collection, or construct a custom made charm bracelet both evecatching and whimsical. Color coordinated collections and reasonable prices allow one to create an entire ensemble. The charming jewelry makes very nice accessories for today's fashionable black dress, adding an individual tropical touch to the somber color that is presently required evening wear.

Larry's has a large selection and great deals, so if you are shopping for that special person or yourself, their collection is definitely worth a look.

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### Julia Roberts to receive award at San Sebastian film fest



MADRID (AFP) – US actress Julia Roberts, star of Hollywood blockbusters, will receive an award for her movie career at next month's film festival in San Sebastian in northern Spain, organisers said Saturday.

Roberts will also attend the film fest to promote her latest movie "Eat Pray Love" by US director Ryan Murphy and co-starring Spanish actor Javier Bardem, which is an official entry in the competition

"Eat Pray Love", based on



a novel of that name by Elizabeth Gilbert, is the story of a recent divorcee, played by Roberts, who travels to Italy, India and Bali, rediscovering through each place her inner peace.

The 42-year-old Roberts came to fame for her role in the 1990 movie "Pretty Woman" and spent a decade becoming one of Hollywood's favourite box office draws and highest paid actresses.

She won an Oscar for best actress in 2001 for "Erin Brockovich".

In recent years she has taken some time off from acting to get married and give birth to three children.

She will receive the award for her film career on September 20.

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#### Pacific villagers await their god: Britain's Prince Philip



Sikor Natuan, the son of the local chief, holds two official portraits (one holding a pig-killing club, L) of Britain's Prince Philip in front of the chief's hut in the remote village of Yaohnanen on Tanna in Vanuatu

YAOHNANEN, Vanuatu (AFP) – Sitting in an ancient banyan tree in his remote village in Vanuatu, tribesman Sikor Natuan cradles a faded portrait of Britain's Prince Philip against his naked and tattooed chest.

Natuan, who just weeks before danced and feasted to mark the royal's 89th birthday, is already preparing for next year's celebrations -- and he is expecting the guest of honour to attend, despite his advanced age.

For in the South Pacific village of Yaohnanen on Vanuatu's Tanna island, where men wear nothing but grass penis sheaths, and marijuana and tobacco grow wild, Prince Philip is worshipped as a god.

"Philip is one of the strongest beliefs," for the village, Natuan tells AFP through a local interpreter. "Since Philip left this place to go to England he is still young. His voice is still young but the body is old."

Don't try telling Natuan that Prince Philip has never set foot in Yaohnanen, a grouping of grass huts deep in Tanna's interior and reached by a bone-jarring car ride down a track lined with banyan trees as wide as houses.

To them, Prince Philip is from Tanna. They believe that the Greek-born husband of Queen Elizabeth II is a descendent of a male being who emerged from the sacred mountain of Tukosmera, which overlooks the village.

"When Philip was a little child, all our grandfathers on the island of Tanna told him he would be the ruler for the whole world," Natuan explains.

"We believe this, that

Philip heard that there was a queen in England. She was ready to make him king and so he decided to go and see the queen."

The villagers, who come from a nation where magic and witchcraft are still accepted, are firm in their belief that Philip will one day return to the lush volcanic islands, bringing with him wild sexual celebrations and an end to death and illness.

Some legends tie him to the island's erupting volcano on Mount Yasur.

The locals believe "Philip will come when the paw paw is ready", meaning around his birthday in June, when the fruit ripens.

British officials investigating the movement in the late 1970s found that villagers could have focused on the Duke of Edinburgh because he visited the country in 1971, when it was known as the New Hebrides, and matched an age-old legend of a returning son who had pale skin

Upon learning that he was not born in England, France or the United States, they may have decided that Philip must, therefore, be from Tanna.

Sikor Natuan, who is about 38, learned what he knows about the prince because he "always laid on the shoulder of my grandfather", the late chief Jack Naiva, and listened to his stories.

The children of Yaohnanen, where there is no running water or electricity and illiterate adults live among pigs, emaciated dogs and roosters scrambling for food, know the legend too.

"We've taught them to know Philip," Natuan, who has four children of his own, said. "They know Philip in the picture. And they hope that some day they are going to see Philip."

#### Liverpool, Arsenal stalemate, Chelsea storm to top



iverpool's Fernando Torres (R) battles for the ball during their English Premier League football match against Arsenal at Anfield in Liverpool

LONDON (AFP) - Liverpool and Arsenal shared the points in the English Premier League's first heavyweight clash of the season on a weekend which saw champions Chelsea hand promoted West Brom a six-goal thrashing

Liverpool, with new manager Roy Hodgson at the helm for his first league outing at Anfield, shrugged off the sending-off of Joe Cole at the end of the first half to take a 46th-minute lead through French striker David Ngog.

But an embarrassing, lastminute blunder by Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina, who spilled the ball over his own line, allowed Arsenal to leave with a point in a 1-1 draw.

Arsene Wenger's men also finished with 10 men after French defender Laurent Koscielny, who had been the victim of Cole's red-card lunge, was dismissed in injury time for handball.

On Saturday, Didier Drogba scored a hat-trick as Chelsea began the defence of the English Premier League title with a crushing 6-0 victory over West Bromwich Albion at Stamford Bridge.

Victory left Chelsea on top of the table after an opening day that saw Blackpool mark their first top-flight match in 39 years with a shock 4-0 win away to Wigan.

Florent Malouda, who

ended the goal spree in the 90th minute, started Chelsea's rout with a sixth-minute goal after Baggies keeper Scott Carson spilled Drogba's tame free-kick.

Chelsea doubled their lead in the 45th minute when Drogba scored a free-kick from 25 yards against a West Brom side managed by former Blues midfielder Roberto di Matteo.

Ten minutes after the break, Drogba made it 3-0 when he forced home from close range after John Terry's goalbound header from a corner was cleared.

England midfielder Frank Lampard added a fourth goal in the 63rd minute after good work by Nicolas Anelka and Ashley Cole.

Ivory Coast striker Drogba, who ended the last Premier League season with a hat-trick against Wigan, completed his treble five minutes later with the aid of a shot deflected off Gabriel Tamas.

"I am very happy because we played a good game, we showed good football," said Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti, whose side came into this game on the back of a Community Shield final loss to Manchester United.

Blackpool, promoted via the playoffs, have been widely tipped to go straight back down, but the Tangerines were 3-0 up before halftime, with former Villa striker Marlon Harewood scoring twice.

They went ahead in the 16th minute at Wigan's DW Stadium when Charlie Adam played in Harewood, whose cross was tapped in by Gary Taylor-Fletcher.

Harewood then held off Antolin Alcaraz, before beating Chris Kirkland from more than 20 yards for his first Premier League goal in two-and-a-half-years.

Two minutes before the break, Harewood tapped in after Elliot Grandin's shot was parried.

Then, 15 minutes before full-time, Alex Baptiste made it 4-0 when his cross beat Kirkland at the goalkeeper's near post.

Aston Villa showed there was life after Martin O'Neill with a 3-0 win at home to West Ham just days after their former manager's resignation.

England goalkeeper Robert Green, playing his first senior match since his World Cup blunder, helped give Villa a 15th minute lead when his poor punch ultimately led to a goal from Stewart Downing.

Villa made it 2-0 when Stiliyan Petrov headed in five minutes before half-time.

And in what could be a parting gift to Villa fans, before his possible transfer to Manchester City, England midfielder James Milner made it 3-0 after shooting powerfully from Albrighton's cut back in the 66th minute.

England goalkeeper Joe Hart -- chosen by Roberto Mancini ahead of Shay Given -- produced several fine saves to help big-spenders Manchester City secure a point in a goalless draw at Tottenham.

But Everton's United States goalkeeper Tim Howard gifted hosts Blackburn a 14th minute winner in a 1-0 victory when he somehow dropped a cross into the path of Nikola Kalinic, who duly scored.

Birmingham came from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 against 10-man Sunderland while Wolves beat Stoke 2-1 after Kenwyne Jones, Stoke's club record eight million signing, limped off injured after just 14 minutes at Molineux.

Bolton and Fulham shared the points in a goalless draw.

Manchester United, last season's runners-up, face promoted Newcastle at Old Trafford on Monday.



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### Olympics must move with the times, says Coe

SINGAPORE (AFP) - London 2012 chief Sebastian Coe on Sunday urged the Olympic movement to move with the times and not be afraid to innovate.

Coe, in Singapore for the inaugural Youth Olympics, said it was imperative to help capture the imagination of new generations.

"It's absolutely essential that you move with the times and understand that young people are in a very different space to where they were even five years ago," he said.

At the Youth Olympics, 3,600 athletes aged 14 to 18 are competing in the traditional 26 Olympic sports, but with a twist.

Some sports have been adapted to appeal to a younger audience with street basketball being played, triathlon with mixed gender teams and relay races in the swimming pool.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge on Saturday said that if they proved successful in Singapore, the changes could be included at future full-blown Olympics as early as Rio in 2016.

Coe said he was in full agreement with Rogge.
"It's about the action,

"It's about the action, event flow, about bringing young people into a venue who want to come back in again or take up that sport," he said.

"You can only do that by innovating and I think the president is quite right.

"You've seen it at the Winter Games, where sports that most young people hadn't even thought about until they watched them on television in Vancouver this year, and now they are suddenly on their landscape.

"If those sports and those innovations prove to be successful and energise the Games, then yes, we should look at trying them in the full-blown Games."

Coe is in Singapore primarily to support the British team, but also to tap into youth culture with the London Olympics less than two years away.

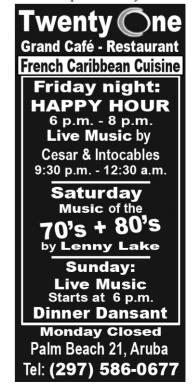
He said he wished something like the Youth Games had been around when he was young.

"I started running when I was 12 and it was not until I was 23 that I experienced an Olympics," he said.

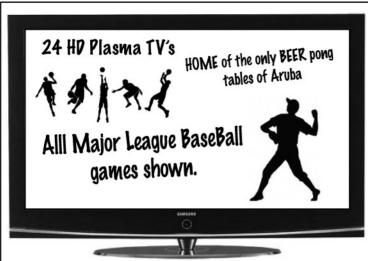
"To have had the opportunity at the mid-point of that process to come into this environment and learn how to live with the pressures, manage my time, would have been very, very helpful.

"I would have understood more about myself and the mental strains that you are put under when you get to the top level," added Coe, the 1500m Olympic gold medal winner in 1980 and 1984.

Coe has made it clear that the London Olympics will unashamedly be targeted at getting young people into sport, and he had nothing but praise for the Youth Olympics concept, something Rogge has championed for years.







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### US NBA stars trim McGee, Green off world roster

NEW YORK (AFP) - Washington center JaVale McGee and Oklahoma City forward Jeff Green were trimmed from the US roster of NBA talent for the World Basketball Championships on Sunday, USA Basketball announced.

Neither player took part in a scrimmage against China on Saturday ahead of an exhibition game Sunday against France at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Cutting McGee, who had been bounced off the team once before but brought back for workouts, leaves the American squad for the world championships with 13 players but only one center, Tyson Chandler of Dallas.

"The decision made was

### Pujols hits 30th homer to extend own record

ST. LOUIS -- Albert Pujols hit his 30th home run of the season on Sunday, extending his own Major League record of 30-homer seasons to begin a career. It is his 10th 30-homer campaign in as many years.

With two outs in the bottom of the first inning on Sunday, Pujols jumped an 0-1 slider from Ryan Dempster and deposited over the wall in center field. He has 396 homers in his big league career, tying him with Joe Carter for 50th on the all-time list.

In seven of his 10 seasons, Pujols has hit homer No. 30 in August. It's been the most productive month throughout his career, as Pujols has his highest batting average, second-highest on-base percentage, highest slugging percentage and most home runs in August.



JaVale McGee

predicated on having less players to work with and play during the upcoming exhibition games which will help in terms of our final preparations," USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo said.

"Rather than bring 14 or 15 players we will for now go with 13 because we have yet to make a final determination on 12."

The Americans must cut

one more player from the lineup by the eve of the August 28 start of the world championships in Turkey. They will leave Monday for a four-day training camp in Madrid that starts Tuesday.

The US team, relying heavily on quickness and backcourt talent with only one big man, will play Lithuania next Saturday and Spain next Sunday at Madrid and face Greece at Athens on August 25 ahead of the worlds.

Joining Chandler among the final 13 were Denver's Chauncey Billups, Rudy Gay of Memphis, Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook, Boston's Rajon Rondo, Minnesota's Kevin Love, Chicago's Derrick Rose, Indiana's Danny Granger, Golden State's Stephen Curry, Philadelphia's Andre Iguodala, Eric Gordon of the Los Angeles Clippers and Lamar Odom of the Los Angeles Lakers.



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# Japan claims first gold of inaugural Youth Games



Yuka Sato of Japan crosses the finish line in first place winning the first Gold Medal of the 2010 Yoth Olympics in the Womens Triathlon on day one of the Youth Olympics at East Coast Park on August 15, 2010 in Singapore

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Japan's Yuka Sato wrote her name in the history books on Sunday by becoming the first gold medal winner of the inaugural Youth Olympic Games when she won the triathlon.

The 18-year-old triumphed in Singapore with a commanding display ahead of Australia's Ellie Salthouse and Kelly Whitley of the United States.

Sato was one of the favourites as the only triathlete in the field to clock a top-10 finish at last year's World Junior Championships.

She lived up to expectations in the 750-metre swim, 20-kilometre bike ride and 5-kilometre run discipline, eventually winning in 1 hour

49.69 seconds.

"I made it," said an ecstatic Sato. "I knew this would be the first contest in the Youth Olympic Games, which really got me motivated to go for gold. I really wanted to drive Team Japan.

"I thought I was dreaming," she added about standing on the podium.

While Sato was celebrating, South Korea's Kim Hee-Sun was under observation in hospital after a nasty crash in the cycling leg.

Kim collided with Puerto Rico's Cristina Luizzet Betancourt de Leon on a sharp bend and after being carried from the track on a stretcher was taken to hospital, where her condition was described as stable.

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#### Gay, Billups lead US NBA stars in rout of France

NEW YORK (AFP) - Rudy Gay scored 19 points and Chauncey Billups added 17 to spark the United States past France 86-55 on Sunday in an exhibition game for both teams ahead of the World Basketball Championships.

Gay sank 7-of-12 from the field while 13-year NBA veteran Billups, a leader on a young US lineup as well as captain for the NBA's Denver Nuggets, went 5-of-9 from the field and 3-of-6 from 3-point range in 15 minutes on the court.

The Americans led 39-30 at half-time, went 10-of-16 from the field in the third quarter to boost their edge to 64-46 and stretched the margin even more until the final whistle.

The US team departs Monday for Madrid and a four-day training camp that starts Tuesday ahead of exhibition games against Lithuania, Spain and Greece before they open the world tournament in Turkey against Croatia on August 28.

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#### **Dutch want to host Youth Olympics**

SINGAPORE (AFP) - The Netherlands is aiming to host a future Youth Olympic Games, possibly in 2018 or 2022, Dutch International Olympic Committee member Prince Willem-Alexander said on Sunday.

But a decision will only be made once they know whether they are successful or not in their joint bid with Belgium to host the World Cup in 2018. "It's something that our National Olympic Committee is looking at and it's the reason I'm here," said the prince, referring to the Youth Olympics, whose inaugural edition was officially opened in Singapore on Saturday.

"I hope we win the (bid to host the) football World Cup but if not, this could be an interesting option."



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